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DWR Chief Deputy Director Saracino Joining California ISO

Lester Snow, Director of the Department of Water Resources, today congratulated departing Chief Deputy Director Nancy Saracino on her appointment as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at the California Independent System Operator Corporation (California ISO), but expressed regret at the Department's loss.

"Nancy's talent, energy and intelligence have been a major factor in helping the Department successfully respond to extraordinary challenges in flood management, energy issues, response to climate change, the San Joaquin River restoration, and many other areas that have benefited the people of California," Snow said. "I know, however, that she will continue to make major contributions to the future of this state in her new position at Cal ISO."

Saracino was appointed DWR's Chief Deputy Director by Governor Schwarzenegger on June 14, 2006. She previously served as Chief Counsel for approximately two years. Before joining the Department, Saracino was a Supervising Deputy Attorney General representing the State of California, DWR and the Governor's Office in litigation relating to the 2000-2001 energy crisis. In December, 2003, she became the lead negotiator for the Governor's Office to restructure DWR's long-term energy contracts.

Saracino was named one of California's 100 most influential attorneys by the Los Angeles Daily Journal in 2004.

Saracino will begin her new position with California ISO on May 29.

California ISO is a public benefit corporation that manages the flow of electricity.

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